

The Internet is one of the most important infrastructures in our society, and it is the infrastructure on which the future of our country will be built. It is direly important to preserve the Internet as a free, open, accessible marketplace of ideas.

The Internet will be regulated no matter the fate of this filing. There is no such thing as an “unregulated Internet”. The choice is whether we want it regulated by ISP companies or by a democratically elected government.

As a US citizen, voter, and consumer, I deserve a say in how the infrastructure of my society is managed. As someone without the expendable income to purchase stock, I cannot influence ISP companies by becoming an investor. Since the ISP industry is rife with collusion and monopoly power, I can’t even vote with my dollar, by choosing a provider that preserves the kind of Internet that I believe is essential to a modern, functioning society (if such a beast might exist).

This “Restoring Internet Freedom” filing does the opposite of it’s stated purpose. It returns Internet control to a handful of companies that will always prioritize profits for their investors over the needs of the citizenry they serve. This isn’t freedom for me or for the overwhelming majority of Americans.

Strongly opposed.